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GRIM ECONOMIC CRISIS

Economic Bloc In Eastern Europe

Berlin, Aug. 3.—The German Central Administration for the Soviet Zone and representatives of the Polish Government have opened negotiations for extensive trade relations, aimed at integrating the Soviet Zone and Poland into an Eastern economic bloc, reliable sources reported today.

The principal negotiators were said to be the Polish State Councillor, Lieut-Col. W. Molski, head of the Polish delegation; Josef Orlop, president of the Foreign Trade Department of the German Central Administration for the Soviet Zone; Fritz Solmann, Minister of Economy for Saxony.

The point of departure in the negotiations is the trade agreement signed between the two parties last April providing for exchange of goods fixed at US\$28,000,000.

ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

The new negotiations will broaden the list and volume of goods to be exchanged and will lay the basis for the economic integration of the Soviet Zone into the Eastern economic bloc of Poland, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Russia and other countries, informed sources said.

The total value of the goods being considered by German-Polish negotiators could not be learned. Soviet Zone negotiators were said to have offered the Poles technical and electro-technical means, equipment, precision tools, optical instruments, textiles, machinery, spare parts, shoes and leather, glassware, synthetic gasoline, synthetic rubber, chemicals and potash fertilizers.

The Poles were being asked to supply the Soviet Zone with hard and coking coal from German and Polish Silesia.—United Press.

ANTI-JEWISH RIOTS

Liverpool, Aug. 3.—(UP)—A crowd of more than 2,000 broke shop windows and blacked streets tonight in a series of anti-Jewish riots and the special police were called out to aid regulars in dispersing the rioters.

The crowd threw stones through the windows of Jewish-owned shops and tore off boards nailed over the shop fronts broken last night. Clothing and other articles were thrown into the street.

Plain clothes police, who mingled with the crowd, reported a few women among the rioters.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

The Real Apathy

It was hardly to be expected that the Governor's reproach levelled at the public for their apparent apathy concerning civic affairs would enjoy an enthusiastic reception. It was, perhaps, just a trifle too shrewd a body blow, disconcertingly close to the solar plexus. His Excellency's illustration, however, was a trifle off the mark. Most of the literate and thinking sections of the Colony take an active interest in Legislative Council activities and debates, but it is a self-interest rather than a critical appreciation of community needs. What ever vocal public opinion exists in Hongkong it invariably seeks benefits, but it also fights shy of responsibilities. Both the constitution of the Administration, and its actions, are criticised when sectional interests believe they are being deprived of entitlements or privileges; so long as Government carries out what the public regard as its obligations, it remains free of critical judgment. A characteristic illustration is the recent public attitude to the housing problem. Government has been pilloried because it has so far failed to provide houses for particular sec-

Attlee's Tough Job Of Juggling

London, Aug. 3.—The warp and woof of Britain's threadbare living pattern was under the Cabinet microscope tonight and the Labour Government worked on its plan for huge slashes in dollar expenditure to meet the threatening economic crisis—regarded as the most dangerous Britain has ever known.

The outcome of the planning will be announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, in the House of Commons on Wednesday.

In front of the curtain of secrecy which the Labour Party is maintaining, speculation has run wide and gloomy on how to plug the dyke against the nation's adverse trade balance of at least £450,000,000 this year, and the dwindling dollar loan, now expected to run out by November.

Outside the inner ring, those who have most claim to be well-informed predict a return to wartime labour control, supervised allocation of raw materials, relentless scissoring of canned food imports, possible rationing of meat in restaurants, a big cut in the private petrol ration, a speed-up of armed forces demobilisation to the peacetime level and pressure on the request to the United States to pay for a large share of the imports needed to feed Western Germany.

These and other measures, such as a cut in the money which may be taken out of the country for holiday travel (now £75), a reduction in the value of ration coupons for clothing, and a slowing down of the housing programme, are said to be most closely in line with the Government's intentions.

Mr Attlee must face a tough job of juggling. The people must eat to carry out any exhortation to work hard and over time to increase export production. But if he cuts down food imports from the United States to save dollars, he must also cut down equally from other countries under the anti-discrimination clause of the United States loan agreement.

Hopes were that the home production of food could be increased, and the Cabinet has been examining ways of buying from the Colonies some of the supplies which Britain will have to cease buying from the United States.

Experts point ruefully to plans existing in the four Dominions to increase exports to Britain, since a good many of the items may be discarded for fear of breaking the anti-discrimination clause. This is the worst moment for Cabinet changes, and dismissals rumours that Mr Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, might be switched to Home Affairs. They admit the possibility that it is move might come later, but it is move might unlikely until he has personally completed a series of international conferences and negotiations both in connection with the Marshall plan for aid to Europe and the November conference of Foreign Ministers in London.

Although tomorrow is August Bank Holiday, Mr Attlee will confer with Mr Bevin, Mr Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Herbert Morrison, Chief Economic Planner and Leader of the House of Commons, and Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade.

With the impending reduction of the Armed Forces overseas, Mr Bevin is thought likely to find himself with less and less elbow room to pursue his foreign policy.

GRIM AND SOBER

A full Cabinet meeting has been called for Tuesday the eve of the Parliamentary debate on the economic crisis, when Mr Attlee will make his fateful announcement.

The feeling of aimless nervousness which prevailed a week ago seems to have given way to a grim and more sober mood among the people. The knowledge that definite action is being taken seems to have infused into the nation a renewal of the wartime spirit and determination and a willingness to bear the necessary sacrifices.

The course of the debate cannot yet be clearly seen, but the fact that the conservative opposition have decided not to lay down a motion of censure seems to indicate a closing of the ranks in the face of common dangers.

But it is known that the "state of the nation" and the "fat of the nation" will be the main themes of the debate. Mr Ernest Bevin, Speaker of the House, Colonel Clifton Brown, called on Mr Attlee to walk to the despatch box which in the past has supported the manuscript of many a world-resounding speech.—Heuter.

CABINET RESHUFFLE?

London, August 3.—Informed Labour sources said they expected that Mr Attlee may reshuffle his cabinet before Parliament reconvenes on October 20 after the summer recess.

They believed he may seize on the change of India's position and Burma's impending choice of independence or dominion status to retire one or two veteran ministers who have been under fire and bring younger blood into the cabinet.

After India joins the Dominion family—as India and Pakistan—August 15, the Earl of Listowel, presently Secretary of State for India and Burma, will become Secretary only for Burma. He might then be shifted to a new portfolio or might wait until later when Burma's choice of new status will make his post obsolete.

It was believed those marked for retirement in the reshuffle are 62-year-old Defence Minister A. V. Alexander, whom the Labourites blame for the middle over reduction of the armed forces during the conscription period, from 1942 to 1945, and Secretary Frederick J. Bellenger, who has been criticised for soot peddling the black market scandal in the British occupation army of Germany; and 65-year-old First Lord of the Admiralty Viscount Hall.

Fuel and Power Minister Emanuel Shinwell was attacked bitterly by both Conservatives and Labourites during last winter's fuel crisis for failing to build up coal reserves for emergency and for making conflicting optimistic and pessimistic statements. But his popularity with coal miners may save him his job.

Food Minister John Strachey has come under fire for his bulk buying policy, but he too may survive.

Labour Party circles said any cabinet reshuffle would primarily be (Continued on Page 4)

Amritsar Disorders

Amritsar, Aug. 3.—Sixteen people were killed and 26 were injured as disorders continued in Amritsar and surrounding villages today.

In the town itself three people were killed and two were injured in stabbing affairs and 14 were injured in an explosion.

A bomb was thrown at the railway station near Amritsar, resulting in four killed and three injured.

The casualties in villages near here were six killed and four injured.—Reuter.

HAGANAH THREATEN REPRISALS

Jerusalem, Aug. 3.—The Haganah, the Jewish underground defence army, tonight threatened "reprisals" against British troops and policemen who kill and injure innocent Jews in revenge for the murder of the two sergeants.

The threat was made over Haganah's secret radio transmitter, "The Voice of Israel."

Haganah warned the British authorities to take active steps to curb "wild reprisals."

IRGUN'S WARNING

The Irgun Zvai Leumi warned the British Army in Palestine in a broadcast tonight on its secret radio, "The Voice of Fighting Zion," that seven more British soldiers are "scheduled for the gallows."

The gallows' account is still to be "evened," the Irgun radio said. It referred to nine executions of terrorists this year, and added: "We hanged Poles and Martins as spicelike as a duty towards our frontline fighters."

The radio dismissed as "enemy propaganda" eyewitness reports of the blasting of the two sergeants' bodies by booby traps.

"There were no booby traps on the bodies. The mines which exploded were intended to kill the living British enemy," it stated.

The Irgun's attack on the British was reported between Rehovoth and Beer Yancov, south of Tel-Aviv, were blown up by six Yeminite Jewish terrorists today, killing one Arab and seriously injuring another. Both Arabs were found lying in an orange grove near the line with a length of cable running through the track.

POLICEMAN STABBED

An Arab stabbed and wounded in the arm a British policeman in the Tel-Aviv boundary area today, police headquarters reported.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said in Jerusalem that the situation in Palestine, "shorn of essentials and propaganda, is not a war between the Gentile and the Jew, but a war between Ernest Bevin and Menachem Beigin, leader of Irgun Zvai Leumi."

The Jewish population and the rank and file of the British forces in Palestine were "nothing but helpless tools and victims," he added.

"The situation would not improve, he believed, if the Palestine Government persisted in its attitude of refugees, and in measures such as the imposition of martial law on Nathanya, Palestine's diamond town near which the two British sergeants were found hanged, and mass punishment for terrorist acts.—Heuter.

Political Duel Cancelled

Rome, August 3.—Italy's first full dress political duel since the war was cancelled today when the police and the duellists arrived simultaneously at the appointed duelling grounds at a villa in the capital suburbs.

The duel was to have been fought between two Assembly Deputies—Rightwing Socialist Paolo Treves and Emilio Patrieli, leader of the Nationalistic Rightwing of allegedly neo-fascist "common man" party.

The question of "honour" arose last week in Parliament where Treves struck Patrieli because the latter allegedly charged the Socialist was a "betrayor" for broadcasting for the RSC during the war.

The duellists promised to meet later without police intervention, but O'Politica Gossiper hinted that the police had been tipped off by one of the adversaries.—United Press.

"CEASE FIRE" IN INDONESIA AT MIDNIGHT

Orders Issued To Dutch Troops

Batavia, Aug. 3.—The Lieutenant-Governor, Dr Hubertus van Mook, announced tonight that the "cease fire" order in the Dutch Government's military campaign against troops of the Indonesian Republican regime would go into effect at midnight August 4-5.

As soon as final reports on the Dutch positions are received, Dr van Mook announced, the Netherlands Government will clearly delineate those parts of Java and Sumatra where it has "taken over direct responsibility for law and order."

Dr van Mook said: "The Netherlands Government desires to prove again that it does not want to neglect any possibility of limiting action made necessary by an untenable and lawless situation. Moreover, it wants to give another opportunity to the Republic to relinquish its attitude of aggression and provocation and to come to the real execution of the Lingardjati agreement. It wishes, finally, to enable the United States Government in the fullest way to effectuate its good offices."

The Governor said that the Dutch Government decided on the cease fire order despite the fact that there was no ground for the Security Council to intervene "because Article 39 of the United Nations Charter does not apply and that resolution constitutes an interference in the internal affairs of the kingdom which has no legal foundation."

He hinted that the "Republican violation of the cease-fire order would result in prompt Dutch action."

"In connection with conditions found in the regions and with certain actions and threats on the Republican side, the Dutch Government stress that it shall fulfil its responsibility and its obligations regarding the safety of persons and property and the restoration and maintenance of law and order to the fullest extent and with all the means at its disposal," Dr van Mook said. "Only by doing so will rehabilitation of the country and implementation of the Lingardjati scheme become possible. As this respects every idea of sense, it must be able to assure those who are under its direct protection that such protection will be given against any form of political revenge whatsoever."

PROTECTION GUARANTEED

"If and when peace in these regions is disturbed, prompt action will be taken against such disturbances, in co-operation with civil administration police and law-abiding citizens."

"The Government shall have observed whether the Republic will also comply with the request of the Security Council. It can only do so at this juncture that cessation of hostilities should include, in its opinion, cessation of demolitions of acts of violence against members and groups of the population in Republican territory and of hostile propaganda which has lately even incited to mass murder."

HONOURABLE SOLUTION

"Be it reported that we do not want to leave any means untried which can further a peaceful, honourable and reasonable solution of the conflict; in doing so, we are free from any feeling of revenge or hostility."

"Our forces have shown, wherever they came, a balanced and unruffled attitude, a clear sense of order and justice and deep compassion for all who are threatened, deplored or miserable. I am sure that the present orders will be executed with promptitude and common sense and with an assurance born from the righteousness of our cause. I feel certain, too, that in these regions where they conserve public peace all citizens can safely return to their work in order to lay the foundation, with our assistance, of a free United States of Indonesia."

"It will depend on the decision at Jogjakarta, and on the execution of this decision within Republican territory, whether hostilities will also cease on the other side and whether a new possibility for co-operation will be created. I need not say everybody hopes so and has always hoped so."

ONLY FOUNDATION

"I need not say either that such co-operation is the only possible foundation for real security, democratic freedom and good faith in the execution of agreements."

Addressing the Indonesian people directly, the Governor said: "For

Attempted Rangoon Gaol Break

Dr Ba Maw Moved To New Prison

Rangoon, Aug. 3.—Prisoners in Rangoon Central Gaol, where a number of prisoners are detained in connection with the recent political assassinations, were reported today to have attempted a gaol break.

According to the Burmese papers, the attempt was prevented by the authorities and none succeeded in escaping.

Press reports today said that Dr Ba Maw, Premier of Burma during the Japanese occupation, who was arrested on Friday by police investigating the murder of General Aung San and six Cabinet Ministers, had been removed to Thirawaddy Gaol, 70 miles north of Rangoon. Members of Dr Ba Maw's family are "under house arrest."

Burmese Muslims today held a condolence procession and paid homage to the remains of General Aung San and the other assassinated political leaders.

The State funeral committee estimates that 1,500,000 people, or one in 10 of the total population of the country, have filed past the lying-in-state during the past fortnight.—Reuter.

SIGNIFICANT PACT

Yugoslav-Bulgarian Threat To Greece

Athens, Aug. 3.—The far-reaching Yugoslav-Bulgarian agreement signed last night at Bled, the summer seat of the Yugoslav Government, with its reference to "frontier provocations by the Greek Government" was widely regarded in Athens today as a signal for open Yugoslav and Bulgarian support of the guerrillas now operating in Northern Greece.

The Greek Cabinet will probably discuss the new situation arising from the pact tomorrow, but it was understood that the Government was relying essentially upon the success of the present talks in Washington by M. Constantin Tsaldaris, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister, and on the decisions by the United Nations Security Council, to oppose any Slav moves against Greece.

The Athens news agency today quoted a report published in the royalist newspaper Kathimerini that the former-chief of the International Brigade had been asked by British Communists to command a new International Brigade being recruited for Greece.

Telling the Communists that the state of affairs in Greece was not as they desired it, the newspaper mentioned a telegram sent to have reached Paris Markis, chief of the Greek National Labour Reform Group, stating that Nicholas Zachariadis, the Greek Communist leader, and Mihailides Porphyroganis, Secretary General of EAM, the Greek Leftwing organisation, were in Paris conferring with Elinas Tsimirakos, the Greek Socialist leader in the former counter-Government for Greece.—Reuter.

Writing Japanese Peace Treaty

Washington, Aug. 4.—Top State Department officials were reported today to have decided to reject Russia's proposal to turn over the writing of the Japanese peace treaty to the Council of Foreign Ministers.

This means that if Russia holds firmly to its position the American government probably will take steps likely within the week to proceed with its own plan for beginning work on the Japanese settlement.—Associated Press.

Tom Brown Overwhelmed In Tennis Final

Prague, Aug. 3.—Jaroslav Drobny, Czechoslovakia's best player, today defeated Tom Brown, of San Francisco, in the final of the Czechoslovakian tennis championships. The scores were 6-0, 6-2, 6-1.

In the final of the women's singles, Miss S. Kormoczy, of Hungary, defeated Miss J. Jedrzekowska, of Poland, 3-0, 6-1 in the final.—Reuter.

SURPRISE RESULT

Lausanne, Aug. 3.—Mrs Sheila Summers, South African champion, sprang a big surprise today by defeating Miss Doris Hart, of the United States, in the final of the women's singles of an invitation tennis tournament here.

The South African won 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

There was another surprise in the women's doubles, in which the American combination of Doris Hart and Patricia Todd were beaten in the final by Mrs Nancy Bolton and Mrs Hopman, of Australia, by 6-4, 6-4.

The men's singles went to Gianni Cuculli, the Italian champion; who beat Eric Sturges, South African, 6-4, 4-0, 7-5, 6-4.

Mr Sturges and Eric Sturges captured the mixed doubles, defeating Mrs Bolton and Gianni Cuculli 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.—Reuter.

CYCLING CHAMPION

Rheims, Aug. 3.—Alfo Ferrari, of Italy, won the amateur road race event when the World Cycling Championships ended here today.

Another Italian, Silvio Pedroni, was runner up, with Gerard Van Beek third.

The winner covered the 21 laps of the 103 miles course in four hours, 18 minutes, 58 seconds.—Reuter.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Grandma looks twenty-one years old, And young men dine and wine her.

Her secret diet, I am told, Is frozen eggs from China. The gourmet, eating like a god, Will find no dish that's finer (Unless it's frozen Iceland cod) Than frozen eggs from China.

Lay on, Macduff!

AN Ouse is as good as a feast. These words of mine so angered my father many, many years ago in the Norman village of Berneval (now so famous) that I was forbidden to use them daily. And rarely have I disobeyed those early instructions since. But the words "sprang unbidden to my lips" when I read that we ate to have frozen eggs from China.

What's guaranteed to get more work from many a disgruntled miner? Not baths, not cigarettes, not clothes, But frozen eggs from China.

Omelette Surprise

AND will there be dried frozen egg powder, ma'am? What makes a lady thin enough To please her dress designer? Not exercise, but the stuff Called Dri-frozen egg from China.

Excuse, still singing

What cures the tourist's mal de mer

At breakfast in the ocean liner?

He's seen upon the bill of fare: Omelette Surprise: eggs from China. What keeps the novelist so fit, The highbrow and the penny-a-liner?

Dried plastic kippers? Not a bit, It's frozen eggs from China.

Without comment

Roll out the barrel was sung in Southwell Minister, not as a hymn of praise to Jachnan, but as an advertisement for a play.

(The Rev. H. C. L. Heywood.)

Tailpiece

A MAN was recently thrown out of his job for singing at his work. He has been replaced, probably with the warning, for once again, "We are not living in the Middle Ages."

ACADEMY SOIREE By William Hickey

WHEN President Sir ALFRED MUNNINGS and the council of the Royal Academy of Arts gave a party at Burlington House, more than 1,000 guests lapped up strawberries and mock cream, listened to Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel," took a dutiful second peek at the pictures. It was the first official soiree for eight years.

Upstairs (later on) general, jolly, blunt Sir Alfred expounded to me over a nightcap his views on our failure to feed ourselves.

"Let's have more sheep on the land to give it richness, to provide us with wholesome meat. You can drive for miles these days and never see one."

Let's have more variation of crops instead of this wheat, wheat, wheat madness. Let's plan for tomorrow by teaching our schoolchildren to love the land, and how to farm. Let's build more cottages. But let's get down to now."

A shrewd judge of thoroughbred form in more senses than the one which has made him the greatest painter of horses since George Stubbs. A.R.A. (1724-1903).

About dogs

IN an overwhelmingly feminine atmosphere (at least 80 women to every man) the Peking Palace Dog Association held its championship show for Pekingese, 105 specimens of which prinked and preened and flourished their plumage before monocled MRS. GIFFARD, who judged Foo Chan Wo of Dyrhown to be the best dog present.

There were disappointments, of course, one stoutish lady retiring with the tears streaming down her cheeks. And differences of opinion, too, such as the hammer-and-longa argument about which way a dog's ears should be brushed.

Incidentally, I thought the exhibitor in a green truck with a lurid Chinese dragon embroidered across her bosom was carrying the Oriental motif a little too far. But such is enthusiasm.

From winner Foo Chan Wo's owner (who also sings in opera) I learned that one view, and I describe a Pekingese "which would a little Chinaman." (Which method I find somewhat disconcerting, because whereas to me all Chinese gentlemen look quite different, all Pekingese dogs look exactly alike.)

About fish

TO have a fish in the family nowadays can be quite a costly business. In the pet department of one London store, goldfish are ticked at from 25s. to 24 each. Even Prussian carp, poor relations and more silver, cost from 10s. upwards.

For fanciers with still more expensive tastes there are Shubunkins, an exotic streamlined job in pale mauve, splashed with purple spots.

Accessory prices include: Mussels and snails (for cleansing the water), 24s. dozen; South American newts, also scavengers, dirty grey and about six inches long, 30s. each; and plain sea-sand at 4s. a bag of about 6lb. There are, I hardly need add, no queues.

The Labour Government's second birthday

IT'S A LONG, LONG WAY FROM 1945

TWO years have passed since a surprised but swiftly adaptable Mr. Morrison, hearing that Labour had swept the country, changed what had been arranged as a gathering to celebrate the expected gain of seats in London into a national demonstration of rejoicing at the return of the Third Labour Government.

Let us see what the Government have done, and what they are doing now.

They have given us a really great Foreign Secretary, a massive monument of sanity in a world largely mad. If he has not succeeded (and he has not) it is because the Russians have no more use for a British Socialist Government than they have for a British Conservative one.

In fact, they have no use for foreign Governments whatever—unless they are satellite ones—and they have not much use for them.

At home, it is to the credit of the Government and the trade unions that they have brought us through the immediate post-war years with no such great labour upheavals as have marked the American scene.

Days lost in industrial disputes have been only one-tenth of the

number lost in the corresponding period after the first world war. Intolerant to "peculiar people" like the Plymouth Brethren, the unions have been very tolerant towards the Government.

The Government have carried through a vast programme of improved social insurance. If the value of the legislation has been much reduced by rising prices this is unfortunate. But if and when the price curve turns downward, it will be of great benefit.

The Government have nationalised the Bank of England and the mines, and bills for the nationalisation of transport and electricity are now with the Lords.

Of itself, of course, nationalisation settles nothing. The time for judgement here will be some years hence.

THE Government may thus claim that they have faithfully and very rapidly carried out their main promises to the electorate at the 1945 Election.

But the test of a Government is not whether they carry out its pledges or not. It is whether what they have done is appropriate to, and adequate to, the needs of the time.

The one fact which dominated the situation in Britain when the Government took office, the one fact which dominates it now, and will continue to dominate it for years to come, is our altered position in the world.

From being a great creditor nation we have become a great debtor nation.

In 1945 we were not producing enough to support ourselves. We are not producing enough—not nearly enough—to support ourselves to-day. And there are no signs that we shall be producing enough to support ourselves tomorrow.

A GOVERNMENT concerned more with the condition of the country than with their party programme would have made this fact the key to their whole policy. They would have told the country the facts: they would have stated the steps necessary to deal with the facts; they would have mobilised the country to meet these steps.

Instead, the Government sought and got an American loan which they calculated would tide us over five years of deficit in production. But the rise in prices in America, the continued failure to face up to the production problem at home, have meant that the loan will be exhausted by the end of this year.

SOMETHING may be done by improving industrial techniques. Something by the importation of additional manpower from abroad. Something by getting more women into the factories. But fundamentally this is a problem of production per man-hour.

And that boils down to payment by results. So long as the clock man draws as much as the energetic one, so long as a man gets the flat rate whatever his production may be, so long as there is a premium on idleness and a penalty on energy.

When I see signs that the Government are tackling this problem, then I shall see hope for Britain.

By W. J. BROWN
Independent Member
Of Parliament

Hello Again! THE HOLIDAY EXPRESS

ON A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY CALLS IN AT NAPLES

They don't ask for 'Lili Marlene' now

by JOHN REDFERN

THEY'VE slowed down the traffic in the Via Roma, the Naples shopping thoroughfare where back in 1943 the newly arrived Fifth Army squandered its pay on rubbishy trinkets, leather handbags and silk stockings (only 5s. at first).

The American speed caps then allowed up to 45 m.p.h. The traffic was all military—and one-way towards the front. Now the cars go both ways and 15 m.p.h. is the maximum allowed.

Most other things have gone up: the lights, unemployment, the little rackets.

The San Carlo Opera House, where early in 1944 I saw "The Merry Widow" and Irving Berlin with his own show, is closed for the summer months. But there are six dance halls and 24 cinemas, all busy.

Nightly the trams clatter in from Portici, seaside suburb five miles out. Hungry to the fronts, now the smell of hair oil is quite sensational.

Target for many is the Eldorado of Santa Lucia. But the smart boys and girls are off to the Giardini Degli Aranci—the Garden of the Oranges on the slopes of Vomero. The men wear waisted linen jackets and dance more than over like snakes.

Prices down

WITH the hotels crowded by British, American, Italian and Swiss tourists, Naples is crawling with lire, although everyone laments that they do not go far nowadays. Those old soldiers who endured the "liberation prices" in the

winter of '43-'44 would not find the present prices staggering: except, perhaps, that American cigarettes cost 6s. 6d. for 20.

The luncheon with wine at the Bersaglieri on the waterfront, which used to cost 30s. to £2 a head, now costs about 10s.

That hollow-cheeked character—a sort of, ailing Boris Karloff—who sang to the open air diners at the Bersaglieri is still there. Remember how, when the Afrika Korps "signature tune," "Lili Marlene," until the sand nearly ran out of his ears?

He has few requests for "Lili Marlene" now. Perhaps that is why he is looking slightly better. His most popular piece today is "Santa Chiara," a sad little number about an Eyetie P.O.W. who comes home to find his house bombed and his girl a wanton.

Oh, yes, the restaurant next door? The Zi-Teresa (Aunt Theresa), still Naples's most fashionable rendezvous. The crowd gathers nightly—not so many uniforms now—to eat fettucine alle vongole, old Theresa's special dish of noodles with mussels, or any one of a dozen other specialties, or to sit on the terrace jutting

out into the harbour under the multicoloured fairy lights which once again twinkle over the water.

Aunt Theresa was already a very old woman long ago, and could have retired years before the war, but no, she saw it through: she fed the Germans, then she fed the British and Americans; now, well over 60, she still sits surrounded by a glass screen like an idol in a shrine—with a keen eye to business!

"Pina," they tell me, the attractive brunette who used to help at the Naval Club, has married an Englishman and is living in London: a "liberation price" mainly because the ships' wheels and lanterns on the panted walls made the joint look like a sliver bit of England, was a popular haunt.

Well, Genn's has become a private night club and the front door is kept shut, but the right sort of approach opens it.

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Soap, troubles

WHEN we first saw Naples we were shocked, being British, at the stubbly chins and filthy hands of the people, priests and all. We did not realise that under German rule soap had practically disappeared. Now soap can be bought easily either from the shops or kiosk vendors. But the working men are still grubby and black-chinned.

The trouble now is that they have the soap but cannot afford to buy it.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Broken time. (4)
- The fool I find in the Philis. (10)
- A mouldy (10)
- The struff that made him try. (10)
- One kind of ornamenting silver. (10)
- May be a trap. (10)
- Heated. (10)
- Sated is more than this. (10)
- They naturally make-up scenes. (10)
- When in action you might call for a mouldy. (10)
- Omni-present. (10)
- Can these to show possession of skin. (10)
- Decorative. (10)
- Was the reason for Lew being in Poots? (10)
- What the Yank may say on sea. (10)
- A.M. to the Post. (10)
- Not well in chilly surroundings. (10)
- Nothing for game to the last. (10)
- Can't. (10)
- One of the fairies. (10)
- Heat untruthfully. (10)

- It may prove to be due in coat. (10)
- Alfred has considered a some. (10)
- U. S. pods are seasoned and used in some soups. (10)
- On which you may troll. (10)

By Ernie Bushmiller

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—MISERABLE.

Stop being miserable! Concentrate on wearing the adorable swing skirts or slacks, full ones. Or wear pleated skirts because there is no exercise which will straighten bow-legs. Of course operations have been successful in very bad cases but I suspect that you are not in such bad shape.

You ask for a hairdo for an oval face. Make your hair as lovely as possible by care. Part it on the left side, brush it into big curls, held by little combs. Make the sides full and just below the ears. Wear flowers across the front in a cluster. Flowers are pretty for day or evening.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My first formal affair is coming. I would like to know what shades of rouge, lipstick,

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Your white hair, like your diamonds, should have that Blue-White perfection! Never let it become tinged with yellow. Take just an extra minute to add a dash of bluing to the last rinsing water when you shampoo your white hair. This will insure that Blue-White Perfection. Complement it with a touch of blue eyeshadow.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'm not going to raise John's allowance just because of his girl—can't he teach her how to walk like I showed you?"

WORLD'S BIGGEST AIRFIELD

Suffolk Heavy Bomber Site Now Completed

By A Special Correspondent

London, July 20.—Yesterday I visited the largest and best airfield in the world. It is only now being finished—more than two years after the end of the war—and few people have ever heard of it. It is even larger than Heathrow in its present form, but as yet it has no airplanes at all.

The field is at Lakenheath, Suffolk, on the site of a former bomber station, about ten miles north-east of Newmarket.

It was built for very heavy bombers, such as the Lincoln, but it can also accommodate the largest aircraft at present projected in any country—even the 150-ton Bristol Brabazon 1, a flying ship.

It was part of a very long-term plan in the war to build three very heavy bomber stations for V Bombers, as they are known in the RAF. The Air Ministry have decided to complete their great plan.

Now Lakenheath is to be used increasingly for civil purposes. At

the moment it is a master diversion station for all airplanes, including civil aircraft, unable to land elsewhere in bad weather.

Safest in The World

It is one of the most fog-free places in England, and its approaches are almost perfect—flat country nearly all round. It is undoubtedly the safest airfield in the world.

Lakenheath has three runways—one of 3,000 yards and two of 2,000 yards. All are 100 yards wide—enough for two Lincoln bombers to pass each other safely.

A small airplane could actually land across the runway. Round the edge of the field is a strip of land nearly five miles long and 80 yards wide.

Next stage in the construction programme is to build a permanent camp. At present several old hut sites are used for the RAF unit.

Plans for the future camp include a vast club for the airman, containing a restaurant and lounge for 750, visitors' rooms, where relatives can be entertained, and rooms for every kind of study and recreation.

Siamese Twins Make Comeback

CHICAGO.—After years of retirement, the world-famed San Antonio Hilton Siamese twins are back behind the footlights.

As Daisy and Violet, who dropped out of the limelight a few years ago, said in a joint statement:

"We didn't need the money—but like the monkeys in the zoo, we got lonesome for people. We're having a lot of fun on the road."

The Doyle Woolfolk Agency of Chicago books the still comely girls who were born 37 years ago, joined at the spine. After a spring tour of mid-western night clubs and cafes, Woolfolk said the twins will make a continuous tour of state and county fairs and autumn shows. "By that time," he said, "they will have caught on again, we think, and will be back in the big time this winter. We already have some interesting offers."

Their Private Lives

The eyes of the curious have been on the girls since the day they were born and their mother deserted them in Texas. Their private lives, for many years, were open books. Their every move as infants, their first joint efforts at walking, their first lessons, their love lives, subsequent marriages (one at a time) and divorces.

Despite the fact the girls by accident of birth never are separated, they always have got along famously, even though they are so different as night and day, both in appearance and personality.

Daisy is a blonde with green eyes. She is impulsive and talkative, quick of motion. Violet has dark hair and hazel eyes. She is quiet, the easy-going kind.

Emotionally, they are also at odds.

Drawing Card

"Sometimes Daisy laughs at something that makes me want to cry," said Violet. "We didn't even cry, the measles at the same time. It even makes me surprise you to know that we have a different circle of friends. However, even today we probably talk to one another less than any other two persons living in the same room together. We learned at an early age to respect one another's privacy."

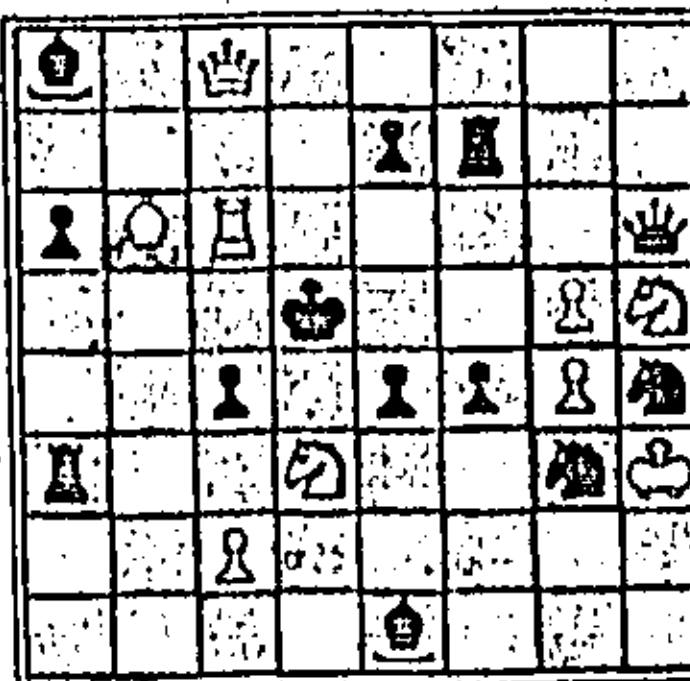
Science has been interested in the girls since they were born. Specialists declare it would be possible to separate the two without harm, but the girls never would listen—and won't listen today.

"We were born this way and we will stay this way," they say. Their stage routine today has been stepped up to keep pace with the times. They sing popular songs, play saxophone and piano duets, and apparently as much of a drawing card as they ever were.

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. GUIDELLI

Black, 13 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in two. Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B-B3, threat 2. B-X-P (ch); 1. ... P-K10; 2. K-K6 (ch) (ch); 1. ... P-B3; 2. B-K6 (ch); 1. ... K-B7; 2. Q-B7 (ch).



NAAFI WILL GIVE PRIZES FOR BADGE

NAAFI is offering prizes totalling £200 in a competition open to men and women in the Services.

The NAAFI organisation wants a badge which will be suitable to appear on club and canteen to serve as a direction board and for other similar purposes. The first prize is £100, the second prize £50, the third prize £25, and there will also be 25 merit prizes of £1 each.

Entries are confined to serving soldiers, sailors and airmen and members of the women's services, and may be submitted by men and women who will be on demob leave on October 31, 1947.

Each entrant may submit up to three designs, prepared either in pencil, crayon, ink or paint. Entries will be judged on the following qualities: (a) Shape; (b) Colour; (c) The incorporation of the letters NAAFI; (d) Motif.

Points Of Guidance

As a guide, the shape should be bold, recognisable at some distance, and likely to be easily remembered. Colour: there is no restriction in the use of colours but entrants will no doubt bear in mind the Navy blue, Army scarlet and Royal Air Force blue as suggesting a suitable colour basis.

The letters NAAFI (without full points) should be incorporated into the design and be immediately readable. Motif: this should symbolise the NAAFI's service to the Royal Navy, Army and the Royal Air Force.

Designs may be of any size, although 12 inches by 12 inches is suggested as convenient. The number, rank, name and permanent address of the competitor must be written on the back of each entry submitted.

Closing date of this competition is October 31, 1947 and entries should be sent to the Public Relations Officer, NAAFI, Ryley Towers, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.

HISTORIC AMERICAN DOCUMENT

NEW YORK.—A "declaration of independence," just unearthed, has been put on exhibition by the New-York Historical Society.

The society, incidentally, uses the original and long-discarded spelling "New-York" in its title.

The declaration was issued by New York Loyalists four months after the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. It is described by R. W. G. Vail, director of the society, as the Tory reply to the historic declaration.

It is in the form of a petition, signed by more than 700 Loyalists, addressed during the British occupation of New York to the Rt. Hon. Richard Viscount Howe and his brother, the Hon. William Howe, the king's commissioners for restoring peace. It reiterated their allegiance to King George III and expressed zeal to preserve and support the constitution of Great Britain over the colonies.

Distinguished Names

Dated November 2, 1776, and bearing the names of many distinguished ancestors of families still prominent in the city, the declaration is the only original still preserved of five petitions to the king. The first petition was adopted in October 1776, and contained the request that martial law under the British army be suspended and civil law restored. The commissioners, however, did not act on the proposal, and the following month a second petition was drawn up which told once more of their loyalty and of the privations many had suffered as the result of their allegiance, but omitted the request for the return of civil law.

The declaration is written on vellum, measuring about 30 by 24 inches, with three additional pages of signatures attached.

Rupert and the Young Imp—35



The Imps of Spring take the young Imp from Rupert. "Thank you for bringing him," they say. "That saves our chasing him through the chimney tree." Putting him between them, they scold him soundly and tell him what a wrong thing he has done and what punishment he will get when he is brought before the king. Rupert interrupts anxiously. "You're being too hard on him," he cries. "He didn't mean to be bad, and he's been very kind to poor Granny Goat."

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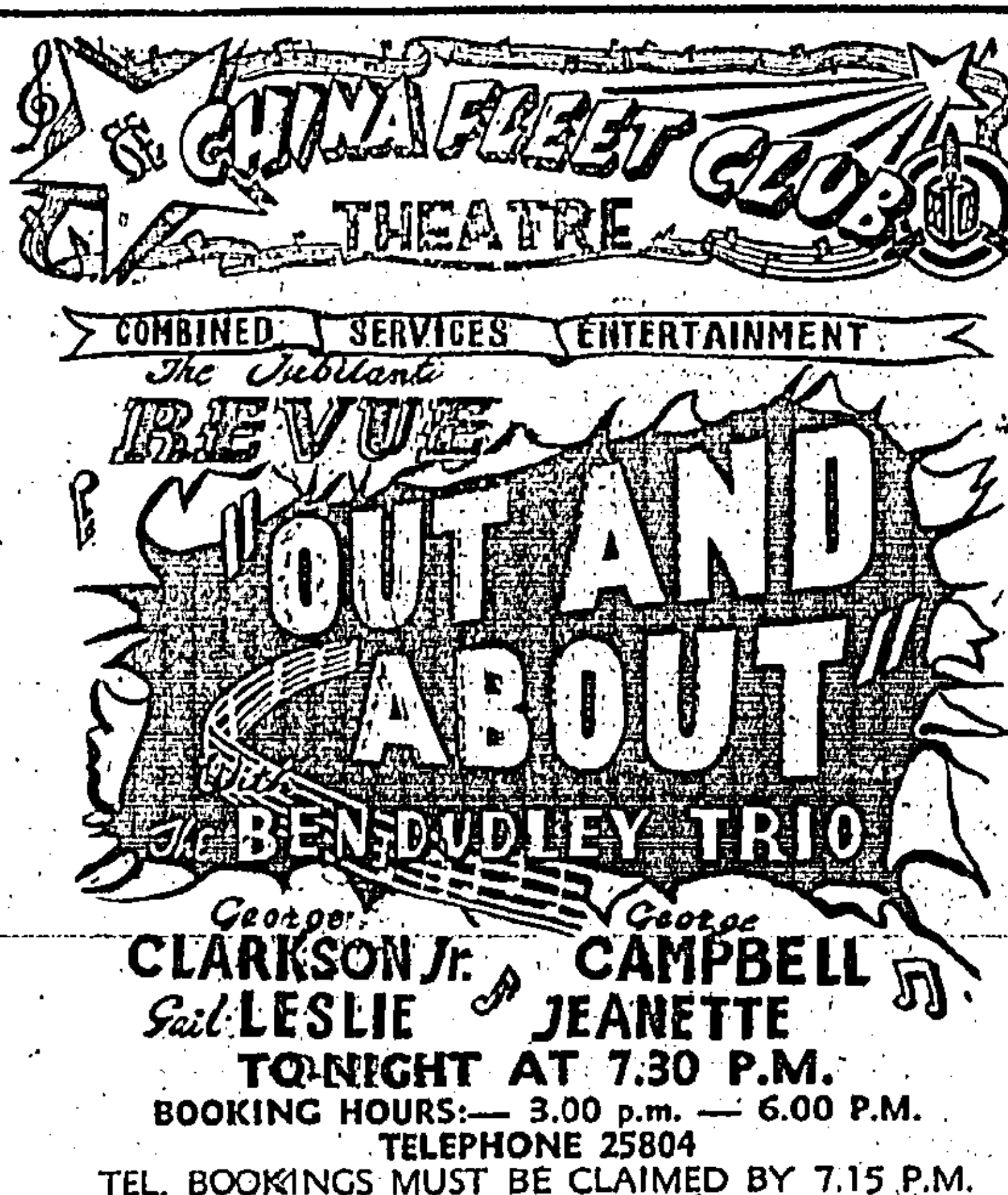


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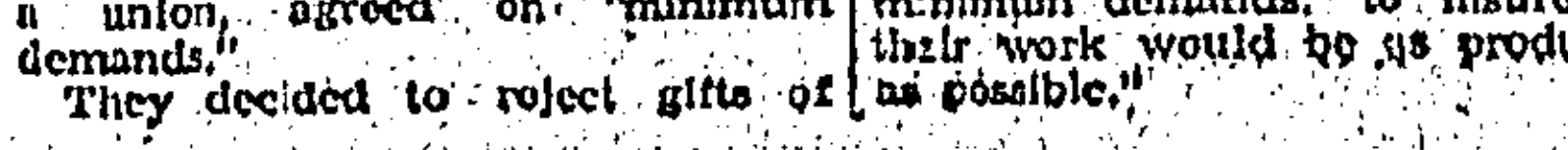
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